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Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 171

Introduced by Assembly Member Maze

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February 4, 2004

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 171—Relative to Vietnam War veterans.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 171, as amended, Maze. Vietnam War veterans.

This measure would request the Governor to proclaim March 8, 2005, a day in honor of Vietnam War veterans and to proclaim that the State of California fly its flags at half-mast on that day in honor of these veterans.

Fiscal committee: yes.

1 WHEREAS, On March 8, 1965, the United States Marines sent
2 3,500 Marines that were the first known combat troops to land in
3 South Vietnam; by the year 1968 there were over 500,000 troops
4 stationed in South Vietnam; and

5 WHEREAS, We owe our many thanks and gratitude to those
6 who served during this difficult time because the average
7 infantryman in Vietnam saw almost 240 days of combat during a
8 one-year period; and

9 WHEREAS, Of the 2.6 million military personnel who served
10 during this time in the South Pacific, between 1 and 1.6 million
11 fought in combat, provided close support, or were fairly regularly
12 exposed to enemy attack; and

13 WHEREAS, One out of every 10 Americans who served in
14 Vietnam was a casualty, including a total of 58,169 killed and
15 304,000 wounded, which includes 75,000 Vietnam veterans who
16 were severely disabled; and

17 WHEREAS, The troops who served during this time answered
18 the call of duty during a time of need for our country and our
19 expressed words of thanks will never be enough for what these
20 troops sacrificed; and

21 WHEREAS, The lives that were lost and the families and
22 friends who witnessed these tragedies have paid the highest price
23 for freedom and democracy; and

24 WHEREAS, The troops, whether they chose to fight in Vietnam
25 through enlisting or if the government drafted them, deserve our
26 respect and our honor; and

27 WHEREAS, This resolution demonstrates to those who fought
28 in the Vietnam War that, although the war is debatable, the troops
29 and the sacrifices the troops made will forever be in our hearts and
30 in our minds; now, therefore, be it

31 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
32 *thereof concurring,* Requests that Governor Schwarzenegger
33 proclaim March 8, 2005, a day in honor of Vietnam War veterans
34 and proclaim that the State of California fly its flags at half-mast
35 on that day in honor of these veterans; and be it further

36 *Resolved,* That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
37 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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